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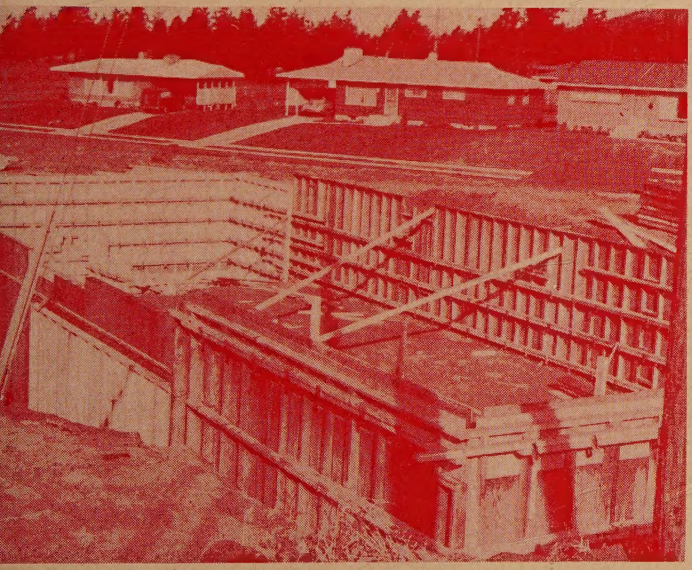

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THE TRADITION OF THE "STAR"

Archie H. Hook

Superintendent and Minister

Some of us have just finished reading THE LADY WAS A SKIPPER—the story of Eleanor Wilson, our missionary to the Marshall and Caroline Islands. She says: "Since 1857, with one long gap, a MORNING STAR has brought missionaries, Bibles, schoolbooks and many other good things to the islanders. The mission ship, 'God's Little White Ship,' is deeply interwoven with island tradition. As a child of twelve, I gave my pennies in Sunday School to help purchase MORNING STAR V. Never in my wildest dreams could I have imagined that I should one day skipper her successor, MORNING STAR VI, in the years of grace 1950 and 1951." Yes, when Miss Wilson was 59 years of age, she was given the most dangerous and challenging job of her life. She was asked by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions to take command of the 65-foot schooner MORNING STAR VI and sail it with a native crew among the Marshall and Caroline Islands.

We were all saddened when MORNING STAR VI was battered to pieces by a bad storm in 1951, and are hopeful that some day there will be a STAR VII, but we are happy that the tradition of the STARS has been preserved for us in this story of Miss Wilson's trips across the open ocean to visit the Micronesians, who so eagerly embrace the Christian faith.

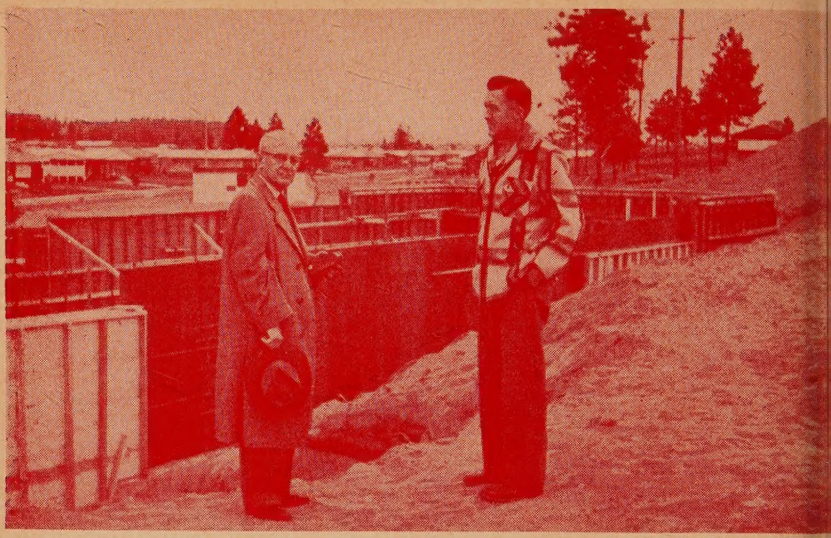
It seems appropriate to tell the story of a Christmas morning when MORNING STAR VI put in at Ebon and let go her anchor in a safe spot where it would be possible for all the crew to go ashore. There stood a thatched-roofed pavilion with open sides, of true native architecture. In such churches as these our missionaries first took the Gospel to the people of these Islands. No one is lonely here at Christmas, not if he can mingle with the island people. This is the great Community Day of the whole church year and everyone takes part in it. The whole program is a community matter, and Miss Wilson felt herself an integral part of the assemblage—most of them her parishioners.

It would not be easy to decorate a coconut tree, so to the Marshallese, the "tree" was the corner where the presents were laid. They take literally the injunction that it is more blessed to give than to receive. It is a White Christmas without snow. Everyone gives all he has—bags of rice, flour and sugar, cases of soap and matches, dress lengths of cloth, men's shirts and trousers. No one went away with booty. The gifts were carefully divided by a chosen committee among the pastor, the mission schools, the needy and the outside guests.

A navy doctor on Majure Island was so touched by the true spirit of this day among the Marshallese that he exclaimed it had been the happiest Christmas he had ever spent in his life and he, a man, homesick for his wife and children back in the States. The devotion of these people, their songs of praise for the birth of the Christ child, the oneness of spirit were a revelation to a man whose love of Christmas had been somewhat dimmed by its commercialism in his own country.

THE LADY WAS A SKIPPER is not a Christmas story, but if you have not yet read it, do so. It will give you a keener appreciation of the true meaning of Christmas as well as a broader Christian vision.

A HOLE WITH A FUTURE



Dr. Stanley North of the Board of Home Missions with the Rev. Stine Douglas beside the "Hole With a Future".

There is a hole in the ground at Bismark and Fotheringham in northwest Spokane—and thereby hangs a tale.

For this is no ordinary hole in the ground. In fact, this is a mighty important hole. The Cat driver who scooped out this hole should be informed that he really dug something big this time!

You see, this hole was dug for the footings and lower floor of the new Westview Church, and this is the first church building operation to get under way under the new Church Extension Program. This is not just another expansion job or a new addition to one of our churches. This is a brand-new church. When this church is built it will represent something completely new, something that just plain did not exist before! This hole in the ground is a symbol of creativity!

This hole is a symbol of several other things, too. It is something of a parable of the way things get done. This Westview Church has been plugging along making do with a schoolhouse and a parsonage for meeting rooms. It has been doing a lot of mundane things such as working out organizational plans, writing constitutions, appointing committees, recruiting members, raising funds, poring over architect's drawings, making out application and mortgage forms galore—good solid hard, unglamorous work—all done with the hope that one day ground would be broken and a church building would take shape.

Well, this last month it happened! The blade gouged in, the crust was broken, and there it was—a hole in the ground! But that hole in the ground is a church—and, therefore, this is a hole with a future! That hole will eventually be filled with children, learning the Christian way of life; with youth engaged in the business of seeking the Christian way; and with a community worshipping God. This "hole," you see, can well be turned into a "whole" Christian enterprise!

Then, there is another significance to this important hole in the ground. It is fairly representative of the digging that has been done to make this church and others possible. Churches of the Conference have dug down into their jeans and will continue to do so until churches like Westview, Eltopia, Richland, Mesa, Eastgate and many others rise to bless us all for sharing with them.

May there be many holes like this in the Washington Conference!

Work Day for Christ

The first reports of Work Day for rist have begun to come in and indications are that Pilgrim Felvship groups had as successful a y as their record high total of last ar. The first receipts came from e Pilgrim Fellowship group at lston. Their ingenuity at plang for Work Day is undoubtedly e of the highlights of this year. nce Evans, P. F. President of the oup writes,

"At one of our spring meetings r group decided it would be easier raise our individual Work Day for rist money at our harvest time about the middle of August, since tober and the fall months in our all farming community offer litopportunity for a P. F.'er to raise ney. Jobs or work at harvest ne bring from $5.00 to $25.00 a y, and all of it work a P. F.'er can At a recent meeting we had a dication of our Christ Work Day ney during a candlelight cerepny in which the group came e by one to place their money be-'e the altar. I'm sure it helped to realize the importance and dication of our contribution."

Ralston's money was the first 3.00 toward our goal of $3500.00. e Reverend and Mrs. R. K. Anrson are the advisors of the Ralon group.

Other receipts received as of Noember 15th as follows:

attle, Fauntleroy	$185.90
attle, Keystone	150.00
kima	150.00
attle, University	147.25
llogg	123.50
llevue	111.00
alla Walla, First	110.50
attle, Plymouth	108.25
attle, Magnolia	107.76
rrington	101.50
sco	88.01
rkland	83.00
Wallace	79.25
Ralston	73.00
Seattle, Columbia	65.05
Warden	60.50
Deer Park	51.00
Pullman	48.00
Seattle, Prospect	47.50
Richmond Beach	38.55
Bellingham	35.00
Seattle, Green Lake	33.50
Seattle, Alki	30.68
Eastgate	28.25
Colville	27.25
Seattle, West	26.00
Odessa, English	26.00
Tacoma, Pilgrim	25.47
Lakeview	18.50
Cusick	18.25
Seattle, Japanese	17.00
Chewelah	10.00
Richland, Trinity	5.00

Youth Summer Conference Deans Selected

All deans for the Pilgrim Fellowship Summer Conferences for 1957 have been selected and they are now in the process of recruiting faculty members. The Conference Christian Education Committee tackled this job early since the members realize the ever increasing demands of our expanding summer program.

This summer we will have three Seventh and Eighth grade camps, two Freshman, two Senior and the Representative Summer Conference. Also scheduled are three Family Camps, Women's Camp and the Summer Workshop for Church School Leaders.

The deans of the camps will be, at N-Sid-Sen: Bernard Herrick, Robert Nathan, and Charles Knapp; at Pilgrim Firs: Roavene Clock, Emrys Thomas, Clyde Reid, Charles Alexander and John Gibson.

For the complete summer schedule see the Calendar of Events on page 11.

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL NOTICE

All subscriptions to the Congregational Way expire with this issue. Renew your at once. Club rate is 50c per year; others $1.00. Won't you help your church secure a club rate. Speak to your minister today.

Pre-Lenten Ministers' Retreat

"Our first total Conference Minister's Retreat will be held February 12-13-14 at Pilgrim Firs", Kenneth Claypool, Chairman of the Conference Committee on the Ministry reports. "These Pre-Lenten dates will make it possible for us to share in a new type Conference-wide fellowship. All church members are urged to encourage their minister to avail himself of this opportunity for inspiration, stimulation, study and fellowship."

The Committee urges each minister to clear his calendar now and make his plans for attendance.

"In Care of . . . "

One of the great concerns of our Congregational Fellowship as well as of all Christians is the securing of young men and women for Full-Time Church Vocations. Our Conference Committee on the Ministry manifests this concern in a number of ways, one of which is through the taking in "Care of the Conference" those who have made decisions of looking forward to full time Church vocations. The Committee through one of its members, the Rev. Olaf Stoeve, seeks to keep in regular contact with the persons under its care, whether they are in high school, college or seminary.

If you know of any young men or women in your church who are planning on a church vocation, will you please encourage them to seek to come under the care of the Committee? This can be done by either talking to your minister or contacting the Committee on the Ministry at the Conference Home. At the present time seventeen persons are under such care. They are:

Terry Biggert, Harrington; Jack Biersdorf, Veradale; Rodney Case, Seattle, Magnolia; Leroy Calbom, Seattle, Magnolia; Floyd Carter, Veradale; Howard Davidson; Arthur Gans, Seattle, Alki; Mark Nathan, Spokane, Westminster; Charles Ray, Ralston; Charles Fisk, Tacoma, First; Cliff Rich, Seattle, Fauntleroy; Brian Jennings, Tacoma, Pilgrim; William Strathie, Kellogg; Ronald Finlay, Seattle, Fauntleroy; Lyle Winkle, Newport; R. Fay Stewart, Steilacoom; Robert Keim, Seattle, University.

Young Adults Meet

Pilgrim Firs was the scene o the first Single Young Adult Con ference on the last weekend in Oc tober. Forty-three strong they cam from nine of our churches west o the Cascades. As young adults the represented such varied vocation as teaching, law, stenography, en gineering, student, music, and art The Rev. Donald Lamka, Minister o Fauntleroy spoke to them on th subject of "Young Adults Through out Church History and Young Adults in the Church Today". These presentations were the basis for th informal discussions concerning th place of young adults in th church's program.

During a moment of leisure time two o the young adults examine the Pilgrim Fir Construction.

From supper on Friday night t the closing Communion Service led by the Rev. Roger Clevenger on Sunday afternoon, the weekend was very rewarding. A Spring Retreat is planned for the first weekend in May, 1957 with Tom Hartnett of University Church as Chairman and Patricia Franklin of Kirkland as Secretary. The Planning Committee will consist of a representative from each church interested in this Young Adult organization.

Tonasket Calls the Westwoods

The Rev. and Mrs. F. William Westwood have accepted the call to the ministry of the Tonasket Church effective November 15th. "Bill" or "Pop" as he is affectionately called by his friends and young people at Summer Conference has been in the Northwest for over twenty-five years. He has served the churches of Lewiston, Hillyard, Veradale and most recently Odessa, English. We wish the Westwoods many abundant years of good health in Tonasket.

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OUR . . .

This first word in the title of the most important undertaking in the history of the human race is OUR—a first person, **possessive, plural pronoun!**

POSSESSIVE — We own it — Our Christian World Mission—it belongs to us! Our money supports it. Our prayers sustain it. Our churches create it.

PLURAL—When Jesus taught his disciples to pray, the first word he used was **OUR!** In our Christian concern this **Our** includes all humanity. In terms of this specific portion of the total Christian enterprise for which you and I who read this document are responsible, **OUR** means 24,780 members of the churches of the Washington Conference of Congregational Christian Churches. We form **124** churches and we spend annually on ourselves **$1,055,728.**

PRONOUN—A word used in place of a noun! Behind this word stand many nouns — **people, worshippers, teachers, trustees, committees, ministers, tithers, every-member-canvass visitors, benevolence committees, Conference O.C.W.M. Committee.**

UNITED—the key word in all this is a word we're coming to understand re and more. The **United** Church of Christ, The **United** Nations, etc.! So is that we—members of churches of this Conference—are **united**—

united in our faith
united in our purpose
united in our commitment

is is **OUR** Christian World Mission

CHRISTIAN....

The second word is a descriptive adjective. It describes the UNIQUE nature of our common undertaking.

Goodwill and More—This project that we share expresses itself in acts of goodwill wherever and whenever it touches human lives. But so do many other projects of charity. What right do we have to claim the title **"CHRISTIAN"** for our project? It is or should be specifically Christian in motivation, method and results.

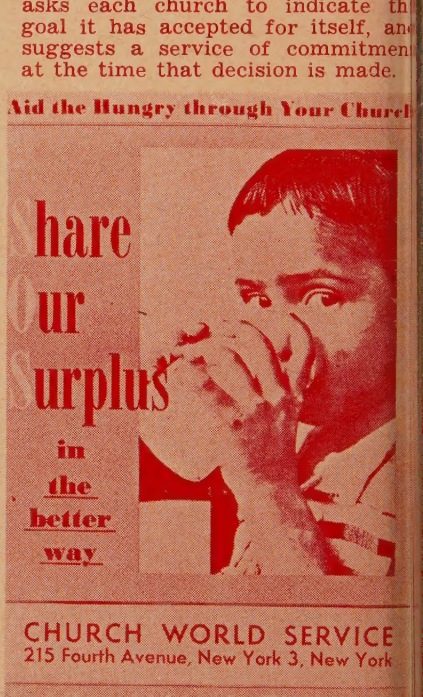
Time, Talent and Treasure — The O.C.W.M. Committee makes available each year training sessions for leaders of our local church Every Member Canvasses. The Christian mission to our world starts in the local church or it doesn't start at all.

Suggested O.C.W.M. Goals — By a simple formula which finds the percentage each church has participated in the total giving of all the churches in our Conference and applies that percentage to our $182,000 share of the national $6,280,000 goal, we arrive at a goal for each church. This goal is sent to each local church in time to be included in the budget planning. In 1955, 20 churches of our Conference met that suggested goal and received a "Certificate of Merit." In 1956 more will meet and exceed this goal. In 1957 the number should be even greater.

This systematic way of presenting our basic needs in a fair and equitable way to all churches has come to be greatly appreciated and respected among our churches.

Forward Goals—Fifty-two (52) of our churches received an Every Church Visitation by a team of laymen, laywomen, and ministers during the past four months. At these visitations the total O.C.W.M. program was carefully outlined and each church was asked to arrive at a Forward Goal it planned to take seriously for 1957. In some cases this Forward Goal exceeded the suggested formula goal and in others it was less. In every case it represented the considered concern of that particular group of people in that church.

Accepted Goals — In order to be able to plan ahead realistically the Conference O.C.W.M. Committee asks each church to indicate the goal it has accepted for itself, and suggests a service of commitment at the time that decision is made.



Share-Our-Surplus — In the Fall there is a very excellent opportunity furnished all our churches through the "Share Our Surplus" appeal to make over-and-above gifts to this specialized area of our Christian work.

One Great Hour—An interdenominational program of sharing has developed in the Lenten period under the fascinating title of "One Great Hour of Sharing".

A Matter of Spiritual Health—An in-growing Church that is concentrating on its own needs and problems is just as unhealthy as an in-growing individual. You and I must give in order to remain healthy—give our love, our services, our moments, our abilities, our resources!

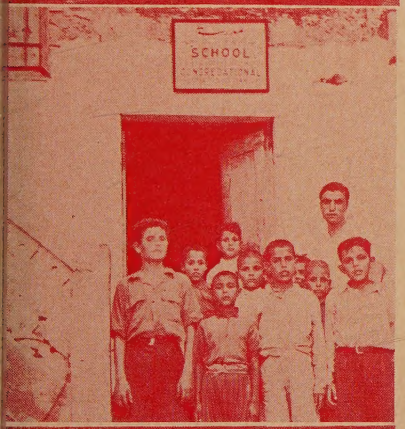
This same "law" of health is true of churches. Participation in Our Christian World Mission is the **most important** thing a church does for its own health. This is what the record shows. Where does your church stand?

WORLD . . . .

There can be no boundaries for Christian love! A concern that starts with an **individual** and stays there is a futile kind of thing!

The third word in this title brings two very important facts into focus: (1) This mission is **inclusive** and (2) it is **unlimited.**

In ever-widening circles our area of service and of fellowship spreads out to include the world,



Top—Ernie Yarrow (l) chairman of Conference committee and Clarence Macon (r) confer with Dr. Jackson Smith, of Conference Staff.

Middle—Congregational Christian Service Committee School for Arab refugee children in the Middle East.

Bottom—Children examine the Pilgrim Circuit Rider at Henderson, North Carolina.

Our Conference — Strangely many of our people do not realize that the entire program of our Conference, except the recent specialized effort for the raising of Church Extension funds, is supported entirely by money given to our Christian World Mission.

The Board of Home Missions—Ready to carry out our deepest desires in many areas of our own national life are more than 50 top-notch people who make up the professional staff of our Board of Home Missions.

Imagine, if you can, having at our personal disposal expert agricultural advisors, doctors, nurses, teachers, ministers, to do the things which we would want done in areas of special human need and tension!

The American Board—You and I are directly and intimately involved in a vast network of subversive agents all around the world! Agents who are attacking subversely all the threats to human happiness, disease, illiteracy, ignorance, prejudice, and selfishness. What a wonderful thing to realize that at our disposal are these devoted Christian statesmen and missionaries in so many crucial areas of the world!

The Service Committee —Emergency situations are met with courage and special strength through our Service Committee. There is absolutely no need for any supporter of our Congregational Christian Churches and of O.C.W.M. to look to any other channel such as secular agencies or other service committees for ways of expressing our Christian compassion.

The Council for Social Action—Stimulating in us and for us the idea of a responsible society, this important agency of O.C.W.M. is as strong as you and I make it. On the cutting edge of current social issues the Council provides an essential ministry of social education and activation.

There is no end . . . Besides these denominational agencies we are related through O.C.W.M. to all the interdenominational agencies. The World Council of Churches becomes an instrument in our hands to express our unlimited enthusiasm for the good news of God's love for all people!

MISSION....

There's no "s" on this word, the last in the title **Our Christian World Mission! The Mission** is the Church and the Church **is** the Mission. There is no separating these and when we try to by neglect, by short sightedness, or by sheer stupidity, we are actually threatening the very existence of our own church.

The **mission** is the good news of God's love of which the **missions** are specific expressions. We are the mission, you and I, and we sponsor the missions as essential expressions of that sense of mission.

An Urgent Matter—When we truly understand ourselves as a World Mission there develops immediately a sense of urgency. God waits for us, believe it or not, to make real his kingdom on earth! His love for you and for me has been so real, so constant, and so patient that we must respond with our whole lives! How do we do this? In many ways, indeed, but surely at least by committing ourselves to Our Christian World Mission in His name.

An Unfinished Revolution—The restlessness of people all around the world is due largely to a sense of dignity and importance breaking through the crust of tradition, indifference, and ignorance. It is a Christian revolution — primarily based on the Christian view of man and his world. You and I are part of it and responsible for it. We **cannot,** in God's name, turn our backs on it and disown it. Whether or not these restless peoples find their rest in the God of Jesus Christ is partly dependent on how we respond to the urgent call of Our Christian World Mission.

Laboratory technician and patient at Talas Clinic at the Near East Mission in Turkey.

More Than Peanuts—

"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself!" please note—this does not say anything about loving your neighbor one-tenth as much as yourself or 25% or even 50%. This is a clear call to match dollar for dollar our expenditures for the wider work of our church and for the local church. This is a radical idea that you and I must begin taking seriously if God's work through our church is going to be effective.

Do your own mathematics in this matter. Our total goal as the richest denomination in history is $6,280,126—less than the cost of **one** B52 bomber!

Our Conference goal $182,000 means less than a three cent postage stamp per day per member! How silly can we get!

Giving dollar for dollar would mean $1,055,728 from the churches of our Conference for the larger work! Would your family or your church go bankrupt if they took this idea seriously? The chances are good that there would be such a resurgence of enthusiasm for our mission that a new era of strength and power would come to the Church universal that might match in some small way the atomic era you and I are already in!

These four pages have been prepared for December issue of Congregational Way by the Conference OCWM Committee.

Dr. Stanley U. North Visits Washington Conference

The Washington Conference was privileged to entertain a distinguished guest in the person of Dr. Stanley U. North, director of Church Extension and Evangelism of the Board of Home Missions of the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches, during the week of October 13 to 20.

The Turners with Dr. North on the site of the new Richland Church. The Turners have been serving the Richland Church since April of 1955.

Dr. North came on invitation of the Conference so that his department might see first hand something of the work of Church Extension being done in the Conference. Nearly all Church Extension work is carried on jointly by the Conference and the Board of Home Missions.

Dick Ballard of Moses Lake shares the hope of the Moses Lake Community for the new Congregational Church.

Dr. North's visit to Washington began rather ominously, for his plane, scheduled to arrive at the Seattle-Tacoma airport at 8:00 P.M. Saturday, actually arrived at 3:30 A.M. Sunday morning. The plane had caught fire out of Minneapolis and had had to buck its way back to Minneapolis through a storm with one dead motor. Then the first thing that greeted him when he arrived at the Conference Center at 4:15 A.M. was a note reading, "Here is an alarm clock, be sure and set it for 6:00 A.M. so that we can catch the 7:00 A.M. ferry for Pilgrim Firs!"

Dr. North was a featured speaker at the Laymen's Retreat on Sunday, October 14. During his visit in the state he met with the Conference Board of Directors and the Church Extension Committee of the Conference, and visited Richmond Beach, Federal Way, Tacoma (Pilgrim), Fauntleroy, Alki, Eastgate, Bellevue, Moses Lake, Othello, Mesa, Eltopia, Pasco, Richland and Westview.

Dr. North stated that he was happy to learn of the Church Extension program in the Washington Conference. He felt that with the Conference and the Board of Home Missions working closely together a very significant work of church extension could be realized.

SUMMER CONFERENCE SCHEDULE — 1957

N-SID-SEN

July 8-15—Family Camp
July 15-22—Senior High Camp
July 22-29—7th and 8th Grades
July 29-**August** 5 — Church School Teacher Camp
August 5-12—Freshman Camp

PILGRIM FIRS

July 8-15—Women's Camp
July 15-22—Family Camp
July 22-29—7th and 8th Grades
July 29-**August** 5—Freshman Camp
August 5-12—7th and 8th Grades
August 12-19—Representative Summer Conference.
August 19-26—Senior High
August 26-**September** 3 — Family Camp

"PILGRIM PARTY CONVENTION"

A new type Annual Meeting

Dr. William Barnes gave the Keynote Address

A gay rendition of political party conventions in a skit directed by Mrs. Homer Veatch with lyrics provided by Mrs. Julian Culbertson was the highlight of the Annual Meeting, September 24.

A large cast of able politicians made their way to the stage in Fellowship Hall to celebrate the 336th Annual Convention of the Oldest Political Party in America. Bill Bierbaum, as Chairman, welcomed Messrs. Otho West, O. P. Ricketts, and Carl M. Brewster to share the stage as "our Elder Statesmen"; with canes, fake mustaches, and dark glasses the gentlemen looked old enough to have come with the Mayflower.

Charles Davis sang the "national anthem" in a special version, after explaining that he was really Elvis Presley. Mrs. Frank Noffke sang as "Matrice Punsell," a famous soloist.

Wil Barnes played the Keynote speaker, with plenty of deep Southern accent and some sweeping charges against the opposition party, the "Grim Pills."

Murray Bundy appeared with a carpenter's hammer, a painter's hat, and a well-chewed cigar, and in the role of Howard Hughes proposed the Congregation follow a Building Committee rule: "no work, no food." His idea was accepted—it was after dinner.

Mrs. Howard made a report from the Thrift Shop, and introduced several stylish models who displayed some good materials available in the Shop. As a double surprise, she introduced Mrs. Legault who asked Paul Clement to come forward as Moderator and help burn the $250 "mortgage" the Women's Society has held against the Board of Trustees for the past several years. It seemed a fine joke at the time, but it was even better when the Women's Society later informed the Trustees the note really had been cancelled.

Lewis Magill appeared in the role of Mr. Bundy, reporting for the Music Committee. He produced a powder music-box which he said was the only carillon the church funds afforded at the present.

Esther Anne Shaw told of the "easy" time the women's groups had in preparing for the May Confer-

ce; the various chairwomen stood be recognized, and uttered an arming groan when asked, "It was sy, wasn't it, girls?" while Mrs. adys Rutherford gave a fine faint- g fit at the suggestion.

According to David Julius, who ade a yawning report to the Con- ntion, the all-night reading of inutes at the Omaha Council last ne put him fast asleep! He dem- nstrated his meaning by falling leep trying to tell of it. Dorothy lius was introduced to make a rief report" on David's work at nForet; she did mention him once a hilariously entangled account complications at home in his ab- nce.

When Woody Kalin brought in a thes dummy labeled "Joe Smith, e non-attending, non-contributing ngregationalist," the Convention oke up in wild disorder before any minations could get on record.

New Cathlamet Parsonage

A long cherished dream of the embers and friends of the Cathla- et Congregational Church became concrete reality on October 1. is dream was of a fine new home r their minister, which became a ality when the Rev. Fred Field d their son Irving moved into the rmer residence of Mrs. Henry C. anigan. The acquisition of this fine me to be used as a new parson- e is the second successful step in e Planning and Building program ich has been in progress for about year.

A few weeks ago the church also rchased two lots, also from Mrs. anigan, which are adjacent to the w parsonage. These will be the e for a new church building which is hoped will also become a reality the not too distant future.

The old parsonage of the church, longer in use as a home, has en used as a parish hall. It is used t only on Sundays when it is filled th Sunday School classes, but uses all of the weekday activities the program of the church.

An "Open House" is being planned r some Sunday afternoon in the ar future, when all the members d friends of the church, and the ople of the Cathlamet community ll be invited.

Building Rises at New Westview Church

There was rejoicing in the Westview area of Spokane this last month, for at long last the new building, so long dreamed of, began to take form.

The Westview Church was organized in the summer of 1955 under direction of Rev. Theron A. Zimmerman, pastor-at-large of the Conference, and is now under the leadership of Rev. Stine O. Douglas, who came to the field in August, 1956.

The church has been developing plans for a six-month period, and the building operation awaited only approval of a loan from the Board of Home Missions. This was secured at the September 24 meeting of the Board in New York and—presto—the church was off and away! Within two weeks the building operation began in earnest.

The building as planned is a two-level unit, housing a chapel seating 125, class space for a church school of 150, a small social hall and kitchenette.

Evangelism at Deer Park

Visitation Evangelism has proved again its effectiveness to bring new members into a church and revitalize its program. The Open Door Church at Deer Park invited the Rev. Theron Zimmerman to head up its Visitation Evangelism program beginning September 30th. After the sermon by Mr. Zimmerman and a dinner for the visitors, Mr. Zimmerman coached them and the teams set out.

Sixteen visitors made a total of 46 calls in the four days. Seventy-five prospects were visited. Since that time the minister, the Rev. Franklin Forrester, has made 28 calls on the follow up. On November 4th, 32 persons united with the church. Seventeen of these were first commitments. There were still 22 prospect cards we were unable to work. At present we have a total of 48 good prospect cards. Mr. Zimmerman, our Pastor at Large, does a fine job of training the visitors and by his active participation in the visitation does much to encourage the visitors.

Olivet's 50th Anniversary

In the summer of 1906 six women of the Beacon Hill Community formed the Ladies Christian League. Soon the establishment of a new church became their goal. The present site of the Olivet Church was bought and the first services were held in a tent with the Rev. Rufus Fletcher as pastor. Immediately plans for a frame building were begun and this building served as the church sanctuary until the new one was built in 1950.

The fiftieth anniversary was observed with a special service led on October 21st by a former minister, the Reverend Robert Pruitt. That evening Dr. Claton Rice, interim minister, led a special vesper service commemorating the Anniversary of the Haystack meeting one hundred and fifty years ago. On October 24th a special birthday supper was held with another former minister, Theron Zimmerman of the Conference staff serving as toastmaster. Sunday October 28th was marked with Bishop Proculo Rodriguez preaching at the morning service and Dr. Archie H. Hook delivering the address at the Anniversary Service that afternoon.

We rejoice with Olivet in the first fifty years of its service to the community and look forward to even greater service and growth in the next half century.

Dawson Recognition

The Pilgrim Congregational Church of Anacortes was the scene of a special service on Sunday, November 4, at 3:30 P. M. The Reverend Francis Dawson having been called as pastor, was accorded affirmation in his leadership of the congregation in a Service of Recognition conducted by representatives of the Congregational Christian denomination.

Officers of the Northeast Association of the Congregational Christian fellowship, pastors of nearby churches, and a representative of the Washington Conference participated in the ceremony.

Reverend Evan David of Blaine, Northwest Association Moderator, presided and made the official declarations of recognition. Reverend Emrys Price Thomas of Everett, Association Registrar, led in the consecrating prayer. The sermon was delivered by Dr. Carl Calhoun of Bellingham and the Charge to the Congregation was presented by Dr. Jackson E. Smith, Associate Supt. of the Washington Conference. Others participating were the Rev. Ellen Bradley of Monroe and Rev. Eric Johnson, President of the Anacortes Ministerial Association and pastor of the local Assembly of God. The new minister was given the right hand of fellowship by clergy present.

A reception for the minister and Mrs. Dawson was held immediately following the service.

"In Memory of . . . "

A stone bench was dedicated on Friday, October 19th to the glory of God and the memory of Rovene Rinehart (Mrs. Edward W.) Ohrenstein, on the beach at the Shoreline Resort, LaPush, Washington.

Present for the dedication were: Mr. and Mrs. Horace Townsend and Mrs. Gilbert Loken of the Eagle Harbor Congregational Church; Mr. and Mrs. Guy LaFollette and Mrs. Florence Putney, of the Suquamish Congregational Church; and the Reverend Mr. Ohrenstein, pastor of the Eagle Harbor and the Suquamish Churches. In addition, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Westby, owners of the Shoreline Resort, and members of the Forks Congregational Church, were present. Two representatives of the Quillayute tribal council also took part.

Mrs. Ohrenstein, ill for several years with a cardiac difficulty, found relief from the pressures of the world at the LaPush seaside, and it is the hope of her husband that many will find this spot a source of re-creation in the deepest sense.

COMING EVENTS

ecember 1 — Laymen's Fellowship Committee, Conference Home
Pilgrim Fellowship Officers
ecember 3 — Christian Education Committee, Seattle
ecember 6—Our Christian World Mission Committee Meeting, Conference Home
ecember 8 — Church Extension Committee, Conference Home
ecember 11 — Library Committee, 10:00 a.m., Conference Home
ecember 18—Board of Directors
ecember 27-31 — Northwest Ecumenical Student Conference, Sponsored by United Student Christian Council and member denominations

anuary 8 — Library Committee, 10:00 a.m., Conference Home
anuary 9 — Seattle Congregational School of Life, 7:00-9:00, Plymouth Church, Seattle
anuary 14 — Christian Education Committee, Seattle
anuary 15—Board of Directors
anuary 16—Seattle Congregational School of Life, 7:00-9:00, Plymouth Church
anuary 22—Evangelism Committee Meeting, Conference Home
anuary 23—Seattle Congregational School of Life, 7:00-9:00, Plymouth Church
anuary 22-26—Christian Education and Superintendents' Meetings, Buck Hill Falls, Pa.
anuary 27—Youth Sunday
anuary 28-31 — Mid-Winter Meetings, Buck Hill Falls, Pa.
anuary 30—Seattle Congregational School of Life, 7:00-9:00, Plymouth Church

eb. 1-3—Christian Horizons Conference, Pilgrim Firs.
ebruary 5—Our Christian World Mission Committee Meeting, Conference Home
ebruary 6—Seattle Congregational School of Life, 7:00-9:00, Plymouth Church
ebruary 12 — Library Committee, 10:00 a.m., Conference Home
ebruary 12, 13, 14—Ministers' Retreat, Pilgrim Firs
ebruary 19—Board of Directors
ebruary 22-24 — West Side Junior High Conference, Everett
ebruary 25 — Christian Education Committee Meeting
ebruary 26 — Evangelism Committee, Conference Home
February 26-28—Earle Lectures, Pacific School of Religion
March 1-3—U.C.Y.M.
March 8-10—East Side, Junior High Conference, Westminster, Spokane
March 12—Library Committee, 10:00 a.m., Conference Home
March 12 — Northwest Regional Committee, Spokane
March 18—N-Sid-Sen Summer Conference, Faculty Meetings
March 19—Board of Directors
March 20 — Pilgrim Firs, Summer Conference Faculty Meetings
March 22-24 — West Side, Senior High Conference, Kirkland
March 25-31—LeRoy Eide at Eastgate
March 26 — Evangelism Committee Meeting, Conference Home
March 29-31—East Side, Senior High Conference, Pullman
March 29-30-31—Stewardship Training Retreat—Curtis Schumacher, Jim Waery
April 1-5—Vacation Church School Institutes, Council of Churches
April 6-7 — Laymen's Retreat, Pilgrim Firs
April 9—Library Committee, 10:00 a.m., Conference Home
April 16—Board of Directors
April 23 — Evangelism Committee, Conference Home.
April 24—Our Christian World Mission Committee Meeting, Conference Home
April 28—Seattle Association, Plymouth Church.
April 29—Christian Education Committee, Seattle
May 3, 4, 5—Young Adult Conference, Pilgrim Firs
May 4, 5, 6—Galen Weaver, C.S.A.
May 7, 8, 9—Annual Conference
May 14—Library Committee, 10:00 a.m., Conference Home
May 16-30—Leila Anderson and the Circuit Rider in Conference (May 9-June 3 outside limits)
May 28 — Evangelism Committee Meeting, Conference Home
June 4-5—Planning Conference
June 25-27—General Synod—Cleveland, Ohio

Summer Conferences—July and August

October 21-27 — Schumacher, Eide or May in Conference
October 29-31—Northwest Regional Conference

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